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Remarks/Argument

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of the claims, and submits that amended claims 1 to 17 are in condition for allowance for the following reasons:

37 CFR 1.83(a) and 35 USC 112 Objections

The Applicant has deleted the phrase "directly or indirectly" from the claims.

Prior Art Rejections based on 35 U.S.C. 102(a) and 102(b)

The Examiner states claims 1 and 8 are anticipated by Moore (GB 2327655A). However, Moore lacks several features not present in amended claims 1 and 8. In particular, Moore does not disclose "a cradle to receive a bicycle fork crown". The cycle carrier disclosed in Moore simply lacks such a feature. The structure 30-33 disclosed in Moore cannot support a bicycle by a fork crown. While the bar may be placed between the fork and the bicycle frame, the bar cannot support the bicycle by the fork crown itself. If a bicycle is supported using the fork crown using the Moore carrier, then the bicycle itself would be angled so that it would not be supported vertically by the carrier (given the position of the fork crown in a bicycle).

Likewise, the cradles (20) disclosed in Preston (WO 03/064214A1) are for holding a bicycle wheel, not a fork crown. In fact it would be impossible for a fork crown to fit into the cradles disclosed in Preston given the positioning of cradle portions 20 on support member 22. Specifically cradle portions 54, 56 as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 of Preston make it impossible for the cradle to receive a fork crown. Preston describes his cradle on page 3 lines 26 and 27, wherein the cradle is described as being two triangles mounted side by side. The closed nature of Preston's triangles make his cradle incapable of receiving a fork crown.

There are several other features in the claims not present in the prior art. For example, the prior art does not disclose the use of a stabilizer bar to support the rear wheel of the bicycle. Further, the prior art does not disclose a cradle comprising two pairs of tines to support the fork crown.

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Given the above, the applicant submits the application is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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